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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 20, 2001

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC000307

For Exemption from Physical  
Collocation at its Bethia  
Central Office

FINAL ORDER

On November 13, 2000, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia"), filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a request for exemption (hereinafter, "Application") from the requirement of § 251(c) of the Act to provide physical collocation in its Bethia central office.

On December 7, 2000, the Commission entered a Preliminary Order granting interested parties an opportunity to comment on Verizon Virginia's request and further directed the Commission's Staff to investigate the requests for exemption and file a report. No comments were received, and Verizon Virginia did not respond to Staff's report.

On January 19, 2001, the Staff filed its report in this case. The Staff reviewed the associated floor plans and other supporting documentation and toured the central office to verify current utilization of floor space. Based upon its investigation, the Staff recommends that Verizon Virginia's

requested exemption for its Bethia central office should be granted, provided that the exemption for this central office terminate once anticipated building additions are completed.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the Application, § 251(c)(6) of the Act, the Commission's Collocation Rules, and the Staff Report, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Verizon Virginia's request for exemption from the requirement to provide physical collocation at its Bethia central office should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon Virginia's request for exemption from the requirements to provide physical collocation at its Bethia central office is hereby granted.

(2) Once a building addition is completed at the Bethia central office, the exemption will be terminated.

(3) There being nothing further to be done herein, this matter shall be dismissed from the Commission's docket of active cases and the papers filed herein placed in the Commission's file for ended causes.